

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### [Public Notice 3432]

#### **Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy; Meeting Notice**

The Department of State is announcing the next meeting of its Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy. This is in place of the September 14, 2000 meeting that had to be postponed.

The Committee provides a formal channel for regular consultation and coordination on major economic, social and legal issues and problems in international communications and information policy, especially as these issues and problems involve users of information and communication services, providers of such services, technology research and development, foreign industrial and regulatory policy, the activities of international organizations with regard to communications and information, and developing country interests.

There will be a featured guest speaker at the meeting who will speak on an important topic involving international communications and information policy.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2000, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Room 1107 of the Main Building of the U.S. Department of State, located at 2201 "C" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20520.

Members of the public may attend these meetings up to the seating capacity of the room. While the meeting is open to the public, admittance to the State Department Building is only by means of a pre-arranged clearance list. In order to be placed on the pre-clearance list, please provide your name, title, company, social security number, date of birth, and citizenship to Timothy C. Finton at <fintontc@state.gov>. All attendees for this meeting must use the 23rd Street entrance. One of the following valid ID's will be required for admittance: any U.S. driver's license with photo, a passport, or a U.S. Government agency

ID. Non-U.S. Government attendees must be escorted by State Department personnel at all times when in the State Department building.

For further information, contact Timothy C. Finton, Executive Secretary of the Committee, at (202) 647-5385 or <fintontc@state.gov>.

Dated: October 3, 2000.

**Timothy C. Finton,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### **Determination Under the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act**

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Trade Representative has determined that Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Panama have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, the customs procedures required by the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act and, therefore, imports of eligible products from these countries qualify for the enhanced trade benefits provided under the Act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 2, 2000.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher Wilson, Director for Central America and the Caribbean, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-5190.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Caribbean Basin Trade partnership Act (Title II of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-200) (CBTPA) expands the trade benefits available to Caribbean and Central American countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA). The CBTPA reduces or eliminates tariffs and eliminates quantitative restrictions on certain products that previously were not eligible for preferential treatment under the CBERA. The enhanced trade benefits provided by the CBTPA are available to imports of eligible products from countries that (1) are designated as "CBTPA beneficiary countries," and (2) have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, certain customs procedures, drawn from Chapter 5 of the North American Free Trade Agreement, that allow U.S.

Customs to verify the origin of the products.

On October 2, 2000, the President designated all 24 current beneficiaries under the CBERA as "CBTPA beneficiary countries." Proclamation 7351 delegated to the United States Trade Representative (USTR) the authority to determine whether the designated CBTPA beneficiary countries have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, the customs procedures required by the CBTPA. The President directed the USTR to announce any such determinations in the **Federal Register** and to implement any such determinations in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS).

Based on information and commitments received from beneficiary countries to date, I have determined that Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Panama have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, the customs procedures required by the CBTPA. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority vested in the USTR by Proclamation 7351, the HTS is modified as provided in Proclamation 7351 and as specified in the Annex to this notice, effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after October 2, 2000. The USTR will publish additional notices in the **Federal Register** announcing any determinations that other CBTPA beneficiary countries have satisfied the required customs procedures.

**Charlene Barshefsky,**

*United States Trade Representative.*

### **Annex**

Pursuant to the authority created in Proclamation 7351, the HTS is modified as follows:

1(a). General note 17(a) to the HTS, as established by the annex to such Proclamation, is modified by inserting at the end of the text the following new sentence and enumeration:

"The following countries have been determined by the USTR to have satisfied the customs requirements of the CBTPA and, therefore, to be afforded the tariff treatment provided for in this note:

Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama"

(b). General note 17(d) to the HTS, as established by the annex to such Proclamation, is modified by striking "the date announced in a **Federal Register** notice issued by the United

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12)